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# Letter dated 22 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you that on Saturday, 20 January 2018, at 12.38 p.m., the Saudi air defense force intercepted a ballistic missile, launched from Sa'dah by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia, targeting densely populated civilian areas in the city of Najran, in southern Saudi Arabia. This missile launch came just four days after the Houthi's last missile attack, targeting the city Jazan on 16 January 2018, as referenced in my letter to you dated 19 January 2018.

The increasingly frequent attacks by the Houthi militias on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have rightly elicited the condemnation of the international community, as evidenced most recently by the statement of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), dated 21 January 2018, following the 15th Extraordinary Meeting of OIC to discuss the Houthi missile attack on Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 19 December 2017. In the aforementioned statement, the Foreign Ministers condemned the Houthi attack of 19 December in the strongest terms, and also condemned Iran's violation of the resolution of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, adopted in the Makkah Conference in November 2016, and of relevant Security Council resolutions, by continuing to provide Iranian-backed coup militias with arms — particularly Iranian-made ballistic missiles — and denounced Iran's intervention in some countries of the region, calling on Iran to end policies which would fuel factional and sectarian conflicts and to abstain from supporting and financing terrorist groups. The statement affirmed that the OIC Member States will assist and support the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against terrorism and any attempts to undermine its security, while calling on all OIC Member States to stand in unison against this attack and all the parties orchestrating it and supplying its perpetrators with arms, "given that any harm to the security of the Kingdom is indeed a prejudice to the security and unity of the entire Muslim world"

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other States Members of the United Nations have repeatedly shared insurmountable evidence that proves that Iran supports the Houthi terrorist militias, in particular through the smuggling of ballistic missiles into Yemen to target the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015). Iran's support for the Houthis is but one example of its destructive and divisive policies in the Middle East, which were discussed at length during the Security Council briefing on the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015), held on 19 December 2017. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia calls upon the Council to uphold



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its responsibility towards the maintenance of international peace and security by condemning these Houthi ballistic missile attacks, which pose grave threats to the peace and security of the Middle East. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also calls upon the Council to unite to send a clear message to Iran that it must comply with resolution 2231 (2015) in its entirety, for the Council to comprehensively represent the true extent of Iran's violations of resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015), respectively, through the holding of a joint meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) and the Council in the "2231 (2015) format", and for a joint briefing by the Panel of Experts on Yemen and the Secretariat on their respective findings, as recommended by the Secretary General in his report on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2017/1030).

My delegation requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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